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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1889.

The prolonged stay of the *Pall Mall Gazette's* Special Commissioner in Hongkong is owing to his having found the colony of far greater importance, both from an Imperial standpoint and as a great commercial centre and trading emporium, than he had been led to anticipate. Mr. NORMAN, quickly recognising the leading part this island is certain to play in the political future of China, Japan and other Far Eastern countries, very wisely determined, although doubtless at considerable personal inconvenience, to give the readers of the *Pall Mall Gazette* and the other journals with which he is connected, something more than the ordinary "globe-trotter's" or flying correspondent's superficial and generally unreliable notions of the place. With this object in view he has visited, or intends to visit, the Dock Company's ship-building and engineering establishments at Hungham, Sam-shu-po and Aberdeen, the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s extensive premises, the Ice Manufactory, the China Sugar Refinery, the Rope Works, the Taitam Water Works, Victoria Gaol, etc., etc. Mr. NORMAN has also carefully studied the Praya Reclamation scheme, the defences of the colony, and several other questions of public importance now on the tapis. Although it would be too much to reasonably expect anything strikingly original regarding matters which have already been discussed times out of number from almost every point of view, a keen observer and facile writer like the representative of the *Pall Mall Gazette* can scarcely fail to compile a most interesting record of the colony's forty-six years existence under the British flag, describing the principal local industries, the marvellous wealth and surprising commercial vitality, the island's political importance, not merely as a coaling station for our fleet but as the outpost of British interests in this part of the world, its defensive requirements in order to render it safe from outside attack—in fact, Mr. NORMAN may be trusted to place before the public at home a true sketch of the Hongkong of to-day, both in its Imperial and commercial character, that will doubtless remove many of the erroneous impressions entertained even by the generally well-informed.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

FINANCIAL SCARE IN PARIS.

LONDON, March 7th. The Director of the Comptoir d'Escompte in Paris has committed suicide, which has caused great alarm; but the leading banks are supporting the Comptoir in order to prevent a panic.

THE NAVY.

March 8th.

The first Lord of the Admiralty has announced that the Government has decided to build seventy war ships, and that the cost is estimated at £21,500,000.

THE COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE.

The Bank of France has advanced the Comptoir d'Escompte four millions sterling to meet the run that was made upon it.

(From Straits Times.)

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

PARIS, 1st March.

The Russian Press is indignant at the treatment meted to Atchinnoff and followers by the French authorities.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Spuller regretted the incident, which he said was solely due to the arrogance of Atchinnoff, and expressed the profound friendship existing between the two countries.

A motion endorsing this was adopted by the Chamber.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A FULL report of the Polo Club Races will be found in another column.

THE full text of the *Praya Reclamation Ordinance* will be found in another part of this issue.

WE regret to note from our contemporary the *Bangkok Times* that small-pox is very prevalent in that city.

IT is officially notified that Mr. Mituyoshi Suzuki has assumed the duties of Japanese Consul at this port.

A COOLIE was fined \$10 this morning for taking water out of a sewer in Bonham Road to make concrete for building purposes. No wonder there is fever.

WE are informed by the agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Anadyr*, with the next French mail, left Saigon to-day at 8 a.m. for this port.

THE Manila authorities have declared the port of Zamboanga, which is in the first district of the Island of Mindanao, infected with Asiatic cholera-morbus since the 13th February.

ANOTHER opium-smuggler was swooped upon this morning. He came from Macao by the *Kiungchow* and got into a sampan at the wharf. An eye was upon him, however, and the strong hand of the law hauled forth seven sausage-like skins containing 300 taels of prepared opium from a bundle he was nursing. He was fined \$500 by Mr. Woodhouse, and forfeited his stock-in-trade.

THE Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Phra Chom Klao*, Capt. W. H. Watson, which arrived here yesterday from Bangkok, reports having on the 5th inst., at 4 p.m., in lat. 11° 13' N., long 108° 54' E., picked up two shipwrecked Hainan fishermen who reported having been cast away on or about the middle of February, their junk having foundered in a gale of wind in the vicinity of the Paracels. The castaways had been eleven days in a small open boat when picked up.

THE presentation of an address and testimonial from the effective, honorary, and past members of the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery to Major Tripp, their late commandant, who is leaving the colony owing to ill health, will take place at Headquarters about 9 o'clock on Wednesday night. The Hon. P. Ryrie will make the presentation, and we are requested to state that ladies and the public generally are cordially invited to be present. A sort of *à la fresco* entertainment will be given after the presentation.

SAYS the *Hyogo News* of 27th ult.: Upon his arrival yesterday morning Captain Hardinge of the steamer *Falabak* reported passing the British barque *Penahau*, of Hongkong, in the Kii Channel about seventy miles from Kobe, and in want of assistance owing to being short-handed. The *Falabak* could not spare any men, but Messrs. H. E. Reynell & Co., to whom the *Penahau* is consigned, sent ten men sailors by the steamer *Kala* immediately they received information of the barque's predicament.

OWING to an omission in the draw for the Lawn Tennis handicap, a fresh draw has been necessary, with the following results for the first round:—C. A. Tomes, a bye; C. Hirst v. V. A. C. Hawkins; C. Platt v. J. S. Ezekiel; J. Gray v. S. L. Darby; G. H. Potts v. G. S. Coxon; Capt. A. B. Blackburn v. F. M. Flith; G. Stewart v. F. H. Sawyer; E. W. Bethell v. E. W. Maitland; R. Carr v. J. F. Coxon; A. K. Garrit v. W. Taylor; J. Hastings v. A. K. Taylor; A. G. Wise v. W. H. Wallace; H. S. Wadman v. W. C. Murray; G. Bramwell v. G. B. Bird; C. W. Dickinson v. T. A. Scott; J. M. Atkinson, a bye.

The following is the handicap:—
Chas. A. Owen, 140; Coxon, E. J., 130; Oates, 120; Wallace, 110; Hirst, 100; Hirst, 90; Hirst, 80; Hirst, 70; Hirst, 60; Hirst, 50; Hirst, 40; Hirst, 30; Hirst, 20; Hirst, 10; Hirst, 0.

WE call the following items of news from our Hanoi exchange: A rumour was afloat in the town that a Frenchman named Renault and his servant while journeying through Phu-than-thon were attacked by natives, and beheaded. On the 15th ult. the village of Loc-ha (Phu-tu-son) located above the Canal of the Rapids, and two hours journey from Hanoi, was stormed by a band of Chinese. An elder of the place and five notables were shot dead, and the village pillaged. It having been decided to expel the bands of Chinese who infest Thuan-mai, a French column of 450 strong left Monky on the 24th, and proceeded in the direction of Coai-doal where it was reinforced with artillery. It appeared that the Chinese mandarins of the frontier had been instructed to prevent acts of hostility from arising among the border people against the French. On the night of the 25th, the enemy attacked the French column, which repelled vigorously to one side. Commandant Bandard was killed, and one soldier wounded in the fray. After a hot cannonade the Chinese were dislodged and their fortifications demolished.

THIS *Phra Chom Klao* reports having rescued two men from a small boat off the coast of Cochinchina on the 6th inst. They formed part of the crew of a junk which foundered in a gale near the Paracels eleven days before, and were in a precarious condition from exhaustion. The *Phraguac*, on her last trip from here to Japan, picked up three fishermen under similar circumstances. The *Johanna* reports that the *Phraguac* is ashore at Pathol Island. The *Phraguac* is a French steamer of 185 tons, trading on the Tonquin coast.

THE programme of the Highland Games, to be held by the 1st battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the Racecourse on Wednesday the 13th inst., is made up of thirty-three events, of which five are open—namely, one mile race, dancing Highland Fling, dancing Gillie Callum, bagpipe playing, and tug-of-war. There is also a half-mile race open to the Services and the Police. We believe that the regiment contains some first class pedestrians, so that local records have a good chance of being considerably reduced. The card does not state at what hour the sports will commence.

A CORRESPONDENT on board the Douglas Company's steamer *Hailong* states that on the night of the 27th ult. at about 9 o'clock, when the vessel was on her way to Foochow, a large bird (a Northern albatross) flew on board with great violence, striking the man on the wheel on the top of his head. The officer watch immediately rushed at the albatross and after securing him found that he measured a little over six feet from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. The captive was very fierce for two or three days and refused to eat anything, but since then he has taken kindly to his "chow" and appears quite contented with his lot, notwithstanding an injury he sustained in coming on board the ship. Our correspondent adds that he has been a good deal amongst albatrosses in the Southern seas, but never knew one to make the mistake this one made.

A SHANGHAI correspondent draws our attention to a petition recently presented to the Municipal Council of the Model Settlement praying for the abolition of the Lock Hospital, which document, he says, is signed "by a body of saints who are nearly all married people, including the whole of the 'sky-pilots' in the place." He further remarks that when religion drifts into fanaticism it is high time that the critic should take up the cudgels in defence of common sense, and states that the Shanghai folks know too well that the *Hongkong Telegraph* is the only paper in China capable of "giving it to them hot." We thoroughly appreciate the value of our correspondent's compliment, and also his wish to reprint our article ("giving it to them hot") in English and Chinese and post it on the walls of the streets of Shanghai, but as he has omitted to forward his name and address, we can do nothing in the matter.

A VERY courageous capture was effected on Saturday night by the police. The night before they received information that a gang of thieves intended breaking into a house in Bonham Strand and kept a look-out, and the thieves had got wind of the trap, and kept away. Next night an informer told that they were going to attack a rich hong on the Praya, near the Harbour Office, and Detective Sergeant Mann, with another European and a number of Chinese constables, went down. Some of the lukongs were hidden next door to the hong in question, whilst the rest lay *perdu* in the Harbour Office, a few yards away. They could see three men moving about suspiciously, but a lot of coolies were carrying goods about, and they seemed to be afraid to commence operations. Seeing this, Mann deemed it best to assume the offensive, and sent some of his men to seize them. Two lukongs accordingly went to each, but one ran away and got clear. A second was arrested without much difficulty, but the third, a very powerful ruffian, threw them aside and tried to pull a weapon from under his jacket. Mann knocked him down, and the other European seized his legs, but even then he almost overcame them and got away. A gentle blow on the knee with a truncheon quietened him, however, and on being searched a new nickel-plated self-extracting revolver, fully loaded, and a short keen-edged knife were found on him. A small chopper was also found on him. They were brought before Mr. Woodhouse this morning, and in defence the man with the revolver denied that he was contemplating burglary, but frankly admitted that he was looking for a man to kill him. He said his brother was beaten to death about a year ago, and having found out that the man who did it was steersman on a junk he was looking for him to avenge his brother's death. The other man told a slender story about having been attacked by armed enemies just before his arrest.—Both were sent to gaol for three months, the weapons being forfeited.

A FRESH edition of fistulists has to be reported from Bangkok. It was only the other week that the Editor of the local *Times* had to "put up his fists" against a rabid reporter who thought he had a grievance against the Archibald lever, and now it appears that two members of the legal fraternity have settled their differences by punching each other's heads. This is how the Editor of the *Times*, with the awful terrors of the Libel Act staring him in the face, cautiously deals with the troubles.—Bangkok may well claim to have reached the top-side of all other places for novelties. And there are so many and so peculiar that the world ought to know of them. When the shining lights of the legal firmament cease to find occasion to foster the ire of clients, and wage war with legal and forensic weapons on their behalf in the courts, it is quite true that, like Othello, they find something to occupy their minds. But it is a novelty indeed to find them throwing "law to the dogs" and engaging in strife among themselves, or one with another—by means of innocent cards—as we learn happened on Friday night of last week. The novelty, however, does not consist in this, but in the novel manner (for lawyers) in which the dispute was carried on. It might be allowed in the case of Editors and their readers that at times the rules of the Prize Ring should be invoked, but in the case of lawyers this is a novelty indeed, and it is not permitted by any rule or custom extant in any country. How in the world are the courts to be supported, the lawyers maintained, and all their learning and knowledge and forensic skill have opportunity for display when the legal lights themselves set the example of settling disputes by such a simple method as fistulists, at the cost of a few bruises, and no ticals to speak of? We wonder that the Hongkong residents have not defended in this instance. We ought to have had a "fine case in court." The English barrister and the American attorney using their legitimate weapons, hurling authority and precedent back and forth against each other with all the skill of practiced combatants in the arena. Unfortunately, however, there does not seem much likelihood of this happening, but nevertheless the outcome of this example must needs be that the same method will be adopted to settle disputes among those who otherwise would invoke the aid of the lawyers, at considerable cost. We hear, however, that this was a sort of international affair, and that the Chinese came out a little the best in the tussle. It may possibly get into court yet, and if it be true further developments may ensue.

ALL things come to him who waits. Waite came to grief, instead, this morning. He tried to shoot the officer in charge of the gunpowder depot at Stoncutters' Island with a stick last week, and is now bound over in sureties of \$20 to assault nobody but foreigners.

THE shop-coolie who stole \$18 worth of socks from the establishment of the Hall and Holtz Co. was up before Mr. Pollock again this morning. Since his arrest his quarters had been supplied with a variety of articles, ranging from cigarettes and perfume to blankets, found. The Sybarite will do without most of these comforts for the next six months.

THE Hongkong Rifle Association's thirteenth "Spoon" competition at 200 yards took place at Kowloon on Saturday, Mr. Warnock, of the Police, proving victorious over fourteen opponents with a score of 40 out of a possible 50. Two other members of the Force, Messrs. Carson and A. Watson, were second and third, tying the winner, and Color Sergt. Delaney of the 55th Regt. and Mr. F. W. Watts also "tied" at 39.

THE following remarks of "Uncle Moses" in a late issue of *Truth*, referring to some gold mines in South Africa, are especially apt to recent local operations in Pungjoms:—"The worst feature of this gambling is that speculators are operating on a very small scale, and the chances are likely to advance. If I wanted to take a hand in this reckless speculation (which I do not) I should carefully investigate the position of the mines, and find out what proportion the monthly crushings bear to the capital and to the present value of the shares. And if I could not obtain any satisfactory information I would not part with a single penny." There is a lot of sound sense in what "Moses" says, which investors and operators in Pungjoms might study to their advantage.

SAYS the *Bangkok Times*—The branch establishment of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is certainly reaping, if not golden, silver opinions in Bangkok. We hear that since its establishment a goodly number of local funds have found their way to the counter for deposit, and that the Savings Bank Department has supplied a need to some of our residents which before they felt badly. The odd *tidals* which formerly evaporated into thin air and nothingness—nobody could tell how—are now forming the foundation for a sound substantial safe fortune by and bye. We believe that Mr. Smith, the general manager of the branch Bank, is largely to be credited with this very pleasant state of affairs. And from what we can learn he deserves all the credit he can get. To save money is much more difficult than to spend it, and anyone who aids in this is doing a good work indeed.

THE *Avenir du Tonkin* gives the following particulars of the trial trip of the steamer *Lao-Kai* on the Red, Black, and White Rivers in Tonkin:—"This steamer of the Messageries Fluviales left Hanoi on the 14th February at midnight, resuming her trial trip, and having on board Mr. d'Abadie, a Director of the Company, and Mr. Vincent, the *Lao-Kai* arrived at Bac-hat at 8 a.m. the next day, on the 18th she anchored in the harbour of Yen-bai, and after a few days' stay at the Red River as far as the Tac-kay rapids. As the river was low, it was deemed advisable not to pass the rapids, and the *Lao-Kai* returned to the confluence of the Red with the Black River, upon which latter she proceeded, arriving at Cho-bo on the morning of the 21st. In proceeding down the river the *Lao-Kai* took on board Messrs. de Saint-Mathurin and Bandeur at Vietri, and arrived at Tuyen-quan on the 23rd. At six kilometres from this place there are the Revolver rapids which the *Lao-Kai* forced notwithstanding the shallowness of the water. On the 24th the *Lao-Kai* returned to Hanoi and left again for Haiphong. Our contemporary adds that the results of his trial trip were very satisfactory, and it congratulates M. d'Abadie, the Company's Director, upon his success. It is expected that by building more steamers of the *Lao-Kai* class the city of this name will soon be reached and steam communication established with the adjoining ports. The following lines are advertised to be regularly opened on April 1st:—Bachat to Tuyen-quan, by the White River; to Than-quan by the Red River, and to Cho-bo by the Black River.

THE annual religious pageant which takes place in the neighbouring colony on the first Sunday in Lent was the chief attraction that led about two hundred Hongkongites to avail themselves of the river steamer *Kiungchow* on Saturday afternoon in order to pay a flying visit to the shores of the Holy City. The *Kiungchow* which left in the evening took another strong contingent of sight-seers and devotees, and on Sunday morning the old city of bells and bugles literally swarmed with visitors. The transient activity and life which young Hongkong had lent to its regular after gradually faded away by nightfall when the *Kiungchow* left on her return trip, and it completely ceased this morning as the bulk of visitors got themselves aboard the *Kiungchow*. The first procession took place on Saturday, the image of the Saviour being carried amid much priestly chanting, tolling of bells and the blast of military music from St. Augustine Church to the Cathedral. On Sunday, by five p.m., the image was carried back to its own Church, with the identical ceremonies, the *cortège* passing through the thousand-and-one sinuous lanes and crooked avenues of the Holy City. An immense concourse of the sturdy and stout joined in the *cortège*, the house windows being graced with the flower of the Macao youth and beauty, such as they were. The worshippers of Mammon on their part paid regular visits to the shrine of St. Fantana, returning, as usual, sadder and wiser men. Hinkie's *Howlers* in the height of its glory all the rooms were occupied by guests, and the *table d'hôte* groined under the weight of the viands and refreshments which that popular *restaurant* knows so well to supply to its hungry and thirsty customers. The whole feast went off without any memorable incident, if we except an incident now which occurred during Sunday's procession between two gentlemen from this Colony and a Macao official. It was the old story about keeping one's hat on in face of the procession; the Macao Police authorities seem to have taken it into their heads that they are empowered to control the actions of citizens who stand in the open street. There being no law whatever that binds a stranger to uncover his head out of doors it is to us a standing wonder how the Macao authorities can insist on their policy of impertinence and abuse being carried out to the letter, threatening foreigners with imprisonment for non-compliance with that stupid "hats off" nonsense. In the case under review, the persons so rudely interfered with preferred a courteous compliance with the officers' whim to creating a disturbance in the midst of a religious meeting. But as more serious consequences may again arise from similar occurrences, we would call the attention of the Macao superior authorities to the advisability of leaving people's hats alone. The general exodus Hongkongwards commenced early this morning, and after three and-a-half hours of a very pleasant voyage, the *Kiungchow* arrived at the wharf of the *Howlers* at 11 a.m. We hear that the *Kiungchow* came out a little the best in the tussle. It may possibly get into court yet, and if it be true further developments may ensue.

THE Bangkok *Times* states that the success of the tramway in the Siamese capital has been almost phenomenal.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 10th, are:—Europeans 227, Chinese 2,380; total, 2,607.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co.) that the China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ningchow*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday for this port, and may be expected on or about the 17th inst.

TWO sailors named Emerson and Wilson were remanded this morning on a charge of staying behind their ship. They should have gone by the *Zaffro* to join the barque *Landsat* at Manila, but they preferred the bar of the Sailors Home to ploughing the billow.

THE members of that very flourishing local institution, the Garrison Shooting Club, have issued invitations for their annual St. Patrick's quadrille party, which will be held on Monday evening next, the 18th inst. From the great success which has attended these pleasant reunions in past years, there can be no doubt that, under the able direction of the President and hard-working Committee, the present occasion will leave nothing to be desired.

WE have much pleasure in directing the attention of the wealthy and philanthropic to an appeal from the Chesebrough Weemeth Union of Safe, Palestine, a charitable institution that is thoroughly deserving of support. This association was formed for the purpose of providing workmen with the necessary tools for their various trades and with materials for general occupations. The Holy Land is a wretchedly poor country, almost entirely without trade enterprise and the prospects of the rising generation are the reverse of encouraging. The Chesebrough Weemeth Union encourages boys to work at whatever occupations they may be best suited for, providing them with tools and rendering other necessary assistance. This is the most practical form of assisting the needy and the helpless—enabling them to go out into the world able to earn their own livelihood and to assist their families, and it should appeal to all who are charitably inclined, irrespective of nationality or creed. The representative of the Union in this colony is Mr. Joseph Levy, who has but recently arrived from Calcutta, in which city he was warmly supported. This gentleman is an engineer by profession, who had the great misfortune to lose his eyesight at Cairo, and he has devoted the remainder of his life to improving the condition of his poor fellow countrymen in Palestine. Mr. Levy speaks nearly all the modern languages of Europe; in addition to Hebrew, Greek, Arabic, etc., and has the highest credentials, both as regards himself and the Chesebrough Weemeth Union, from the British, French, German, Dutch, and other foreign consuls in Jerusalem. There are many wealthy people in Hongkong who, without feeling the loss, could well afford to tender some assistance for this deserving institution. All contributions sent to Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co., will be gratefully received.

POLO CLUB RACES.

SATURDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1889.

President:—His Excellency Sir G. W. Des Voeux, K.C.M.G. Vice-Presidents:—His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir N. Salmon, V.C., K.C.B.; His Excellency Lieut-General W. G. Cameron, C.B.; Committee:—T. H. Whitehead, Esq.; J. Armstrong, Esq.; Captain Des Voeux, A.D.C.; Lieut. R. A. Gore, A. & S. Highlanders; Major Tripp, Captain Collinson, 58th Regt.; Captain Fletcher, R.A., Hon. Secretary. Judge:—Hon. J. Bell-Irving. Starter:—J. Grant, Esq., Clerk of the Scales:—Mr. W. C. Murray. Clerk of the Course:—Capt. Collinson.

In glorious weather the afternoon's racing under the auspices of the Hongkong Polo Club proved a pronounced success. There was a very large attendance of spectators in the centre of the Racecourse, and the Grand Stand and Jockey Club enclosure were most liberally patronised, the fair sex mustering in great force. During the afternoon, by kind permission of Colonel Forbes Robertson and the Officers, the Band and Pipes of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders played the following programme:—

March "Allons" "Wakalla,"
"Chant de l'Aube" "Lamotte,"
"Soleil" "The Bunting of the Piper's Hut,"
"Trot on Rose" "Waldmuller,"
"Lost Chord" "Sullivan,"
Gala "Viv" "Zdoffi."

A good field of ten sported silk for the Causeway Stakes, a handicap over the half-mile course, favoritism being about equally divided between Glencairn and the "chucked in" Grey Friars, the latter, second, in fact, times to Valour in the Hack Stakes and to Frigate in the Polo Cup at the recent Hongkong Jockey Club Meeting, being handicapped at 10st. 10lb., on 10lb. under weight for inches, whereas Boy Moran, third in the Wonong-chong Stakes, was burdened with 11st. 10lb., or 12lb. over the regulation weight, Glencairn having to put up 11st. 10lb., Lochinar (unplaced in the Ladies Purse with 10st. 11st.; Aneroide 11st. 7lb. 1/2 and Vespasian (unplaced in Ladies Purse carrying 10st. 7lb.) 11st. 1lb. As Grey Friar got several lengths the best of a bad start he had no trouble in leading from start to finish, and winning in a canter from Aneroide and Glencairn. The Polo Ball Race—hitting a ball round, a post and back through a goal, failed to arouse any public interest, and should be omitted in future programmes. The Ladies' Nomination Distance Handicap attracted eleven starters, but the ridiculous handicapping of Frigate and Grey Friar made the event a certainty for one of these two ponies. As it happened, Frigate's prospects were extinguished at the start, but his stable companion had the race in hand a long way from home and scored an easy victory. Fleetfoot was made a hot favorite for the Polo Club Stakes, and he beat fairly a dozen opponents without ever being fairly extended. In this race the veteran Robin Gray, a good pony in his griffin days, and on whose back the late Mr. N. S. Crawford had his first winning mount in China, ruptured the suspensory ligament of his off fore-leg, and had to be destroyed. Wisacre, winner of the Commodore's Cup at the late Jockey Club meeting, also came to grief, and had to be pulled up and dismantled in the straight. What was described on the card as a "Maze Race" was anything but a success; the "line of posts" mentioned in the conditions was nowhere to be seen, and the event simply resolved itself into a hundred yards scramble round a mark and back home.—Like all the other open races the Consolation Handicap was spoiled by the lenient shown towards Frigate by the handicapper. This fourteen-hander, winner of the half-mile Polo Cup a fortnight ago with 11st. 7lb. up in 62 seconds, was let in at 11st., or 7lb. under

weight for inches, actually receiving, according to scale, 19lb. from Rosy Morn, 15lb. from Claverhouse, 9lb. from Glencairn, 13lb. from Aneroide and Wisacre, and 11lb. from Vespasian. Needless to say that Mr. Bethell's big pony won without an effort, this making the fifth victory out of six events for the greatly favored Government House stable, including the whole of the four handicaps.

Now that "Sky" racing has been fairly started, there is no reason why the Polo Club should not have several meetings during the summer and autumn—that is, if the race-course will be available, which at present is uncertain. There are any number of ponies in the colony and the spirit of racing was never stronger than it is at present. The general arrangements on Saturday were fairly satisfactory, the only real drawback being the one-sided character of the handicaps, and this formed the subject of a great deal of adverse comment.

Details of the racing:—
THE CAUSEWAY STAKES; half-mile handicap; for all China Ponies; entrance \$5; first, \$40; second, \$15; third, \$10.
Capt. Des Voeux's Grey Friar, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Bethell 1
Mr. J. H. Holliday's Aneroide, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Nicholl 2
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's Glencairn, 11st. 10lb. Capt. Hearne 3
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's Lochinar, 11st. 0lb. Capt. Sankey 0
Mr. E. W. Maitland's Viking, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Green 0
Mr. Emanden's Gane Away, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Thim 0
Mr. J. Gray's Mac, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Fitzgerald 0
Mr. J. Gray's Réve d'Or, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Collingwood 0
Capt. S. Paterson's Post Boy, 10st. 7lb. Capt. Paterson 0
Mr. J. Armstrong's Ormonde, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gilmore 0

Glencairn and Grey Friar were hot favorites. To a staggering start, of which Grey Friar had about three lengths the best. Capt. Des Voeux's pony made play from Lochinar until half-way down the hill, where Glencairn shot out from the ruck and raced up to the leader's quarters, the rest of the field, even at this early stage, being widely scattered. Grey Friar led about a length from the "Nil Desperandum" winner on entering the straight and maintained pride of place to the end, winning easily at the finish by about two lengths from Aneroide, the latter passing the pulling-up Glencairn fifty yards from home. Time 63 seconds.

POLO BALL RACE; to hit a Ball round a Post and back through a Goal; entrance \$2; prize \$10.
Capt. Des Voeux's Grey Friar Owner 1
Mr. Bramwell's Hussar Capt. Collinson 0
Capt. Fletcher's Scarecrow Owner 0
Mr. J. Gray's Mac Owner 0
Mr. T. H. Whitehead's Reindeer Owner 0
Mr. Woodcock's Buddha Owner 0
Capt. Des Voeux had slightly the best of the game all through, and eventually won rather easily from Capt. Collinson and Fletcher.

LADIES' NOMINATION DISTANCE HANDICAP; five furlongs; for members and honorary members of the Polo Club (Owners up); entrance \$2; prize value \$25.

Miss Cameron, ex. Capt. Des Voeux's Grey Friar, 11st. 7lb., 50 yds. 1
Miss S. Cameron, ex. Mr. Woodcock's Buddha, 11st. 7lb., 100 yds. 2
Miss D. Cameron, ex. Captain Fletcher's Scarecrow, 11st. 7lb., 10 yds. 3
Miss Veatherd, ex. Mr. Bethell's Frigate, 10st. 11lb., 40 yds. 4
Miss Ryrie, ex. Mr. Armstrong's Ormonde, 10st. 10lb., 70 yds. 5
Mrs. Scott, ex. Mr. J. Gray's Réve d'Or, 10st. 0lb., 90 yds. 6
Mrs. Forbes-Robertson, ex. Mr. Gore's Dandy, 11st. 5lb., 100 yds. 7
Vicomesse De Bezaux, ex. Mr. Whitehead's Reindeer, 13st. 10lb., 130 yds. 8
Mrs. Hearne, ex. Mr. W. Stewart's Orange Boy, 11st. 13lb., 150 yds. 9
Mrs. Chapman, ex. Mr. Bramwell's Hussar, 13st. 7lb., 150 yds. 10

